

# Ulysses S. Grant

## Quotes

*War, Men, Military, Army, People, Patriotic, Government, Country, Church, Law, Children, Civil War, Two, Way, Political, Believe, Peace, Order, Long, Thinking*

In every battle there comes a time when both sides consider themselves beaten, then he who continues the attack wins.

~Ulysses S. Grant

... anything is better than indecision. We must decide. If I am wrong, we shall soon find out and can do the other thing. But not to decide wastes both time and money and may ruin everything.

~Ulysses S. Grant

There are but two parties now: traitors and patriots. And I want hereafter to be ranked with the latter and, I trust, the stronger party.

~Ulysses S. Grant

The most confident critics are generally those who know the least about the matter criticized.

~Ulysses S. Grant

The art of war is simple enough. Find out where your enemy is. Get at him as soon as you can. Strike him as hard as you can, and keep moving on.

~Ulysses S. Grant

Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet-anchor of your liberties; write its precepts in your hearts, and practice them in your lives.

~Ulysses S. Grant

Cheap cigars come in handy; they stifle the odor of cheap politicians.

~Ulysses S. Grant

Although a soldier by profession, I have never felt any sort of fondness for war, and I have never advocated it, except as a means of peace.

~Ulysses S. Grant

Labor disgraces no man; unfortunately, you occasionally find men who

disgrace labor.

~Ulysses S. Grant

The will of the people is the best law.

~Ulysses S. Grant

It will be all right if it turns out all right.

~Ulysses S. Grant

I have never advocated war except as a means of peace.

~Ulysses S. Grant

If you see the President, tell him from me that whatever happens there will be no turning back.

~Ulysses S. Grant

Leave the matter of religion to the family altar, the church, and the private school, supported entirely by private contributions. Keep the church and state forever separate.

~Ulysses S. Grant

Wherever the enemy goes let our troops go also.

~Ulysses S. Grant

God gave us Lincoln and Liberty, let us fight for both.

~Ulysses S. Grant

Let no guilty man escape, if it can be avoided. . . . No personal consideration should stand in the way of performing a public duty.

~Ulysses S. Grant

Wars produce many stories of fiction, some of which are told until they are believed to be true.

~Ulysses S. Grant

The fact is I think I am a verb instead of a personal pronoun. A verb is anything that signifies to be; to do; or to suffer. I signify all three.

~Ulysses S. Grant

Hold fast to the Bible. To the influence of this Book we are indebted for all the progress made in true civilization and to this we must look as our guide in the future.

~Ulysses S. Grant

There are but few important events in the affairs of men brought about by their own choice.

~Ulysses S. Grant

I know no method to secure the repeal of bad or obnoxious laws so effective as their stringent execution.

~Ulysses S. Grant

The United States, knowing no distinction of her own citizens on account of religion or nationality, naturally believes in a civilization the world over which will secure the same universal laws.

~Ulysses S. Grant

Quit thinking about what Bobby Lee's gonna do to us and start thinking about what we're going to do to him.

~Ulysses S. Grant

There never was a time when, in my opinion, some way could not be found to prevent the drawing of the sword.

~Ulysses S. Grant

The theory of government changes with general progress.

~Ulysses S. Grant

Lee's army will be your objective point. Wherever Lee goes, there you

will go also.

~Ulysses S. Grant

I don't underrate the value of military knowledge, but if men make war in slavish obedience to rules, they will fail.

~Ulysses S. Grant

No other terms than unconditional and immediate surrender. I propose to move immediately upon your works.

~Ulysses S. Grant

I will not move my army without onions.

~Ulysses S. Grant

Two commanders on the same field are always one too many.

~Ulysses S. Grant

I propose to fight it out on this line if it takes all summer.

~Ulysses S. Grant

Venice would be a fine city if it were only drained.

~Ulysses S. Grant

It is men who wait to be selected, and not those who seek, from whom we may expect the most efficient service.

~Ulysses S. Grant

I desire the good-will of all, whether hitherto my friends or not.

~Ulysses S. Grant

I would like to call your attention to ... an evil that, if allowed to continue, will probably lead to great trouble ... It is the accumulation of vast amounts of untaxed church property.

~Ulysses S. Grant

I only knew what was in my mind, and I wished to express it clearly

~Ulysses S. Grant

Retreat? NO. I propose to attach at daylight and whip them.

~Ulysses S. Grant

I never knew what to do with a paper except to put it in a side pocket or pass it to a clerk who understood it better than I did.

~Ulysses S. Grant

Our great modern Republic. May those who seek the blessings of its institutions and the protection of its flag remember the obligations they impose.

~Ulysses S. Grant

It does look like a very good exercise. But what is the little white ball for?

~Ulysses S. Grant

...but for a soldier his duty is plain. He is to obey the orders of all those placed over him and whip the enemy wherever he meets him.

~Ulysses S. Grant

It is preposterous to suppose that the people of one generation can lay down the best and only rules of government for all who are to come after them, and under unforeseen contingencies.

~Ulysses S. Grant

I'm afraid I'm elected.

~Ulysses S. Grant

I believe that our Great Maker is preparing the world, in His own good time, to become one nation, speaking one language, and when armies and navies will be no longer required.

~Ulysses S. Grant

The friend in my adversity I shall always cherish most.

~Ulysses S. Grant

The cause of the great War of the Rebellion against the United States will have to be attributed to slavery.

~Ulysses S. Grant

My family is American, and has been for generations, in all its branches, direct and collateral

~Ulysses S. Grant

I know only two tunes: one of them is "Yankee Doodle" and the other isn't.

~Ulysses S. Grant

I never wanted to get out of a place as much as I did to get out of the presidency.

~Ulysses S. Grant

The long-continued and useful public service and eminent purity of character of the deceased ex-President will be remembered.

~Ulysses S. Grant

Ah, you know my weaknesses--my children and my horses.

~Ulysses S. Grant

We're teachers, and we have a commitment." "Commitment to what-to live and die in this hellhole, when we can leave and live like other people?"

~Ulysses S. Grant

I would suggest the taxation of all property equally whether church or

corporation.

~Ulysses S. Grant

No theory of my own will ever stand in the way of my executing, in good faith, any order I may receive from those in authority over me.

~Ulysses S. Grant

Declare church and state forever separate and distinct; but each free within their proper spheres.

~Ulysses S. Grant

I appreciate the fact, and am proud of it, that the attentions I am receiving are intended more for our country than for me personally.

~Ulysses S. Grant

It was my fortune, or misfortune, to be called to the office of Chief Executive without any previous political training.

~Ulysses S. Grant

Nations, like individuals, are punished for their transgressions.

~Ulysses S. Grant

You can violate the law. The banks may violate the law and be sustained in doing so. But the President of the United States cannot violate the law.

~Ulysses S. Grant

Jesse has a new dog. You may have noticed that his former pets have been peculiarly unfortunate. When this dog dies every employee in the White House will be at once discharged.

~Ulysses S. Grant

A military life had no charms for me, and I had not the faintest idea of staying in the army even if I should be graduated, which I did not



expect.

~Ulysses S. Grant

I have made it a rule of my life to trust a man long after other people gave him up, but I don't see how I can ever trust any human being again.

~Ulysses S. Grant

I would suggest the taxation of all property equally, whether church or corporation, exempting only the last resting place of the dead and possibly, with proper restrictions, church edifices.

~Ulysses S. Grant

Really, Mr. Lincoln, I have had enough of this show business.

~Ulysses S. Grant

There is nothing more I should do to it now, and therefore I am not likely to be more ready to go than at this moment.

~Ulysses S. Grant

I will raid the arsenal and start a war to end slavery.

~Ulysses S. Grant

Everyone has his superstitions. One of mine has always been when I started to go anywhere, accomplished.

~Ulysses S. Grant

All secret oath-bound political parties are dangerous to any nation, no matter how pure or how patriotic the motives and principles which first bring them together.

~Ulysses S. Grant

England and the United States are natural allies, and should be the best of friends.

~Ulysses S. Grant

I suppose this work is part of the devil that is in us all.

~Ulysses S. Grant

War is progressive because all instruments of war are progressive.

~Ulysses S. Grant

In politics I am growing indifferent - I would like it, if I could now return to my planting and books at home

~Ulysses S. Grant

The colored man has been accustomed all his life to lean on the white man, and if a good officer is placed over him, he will learn readily and make a good soldier.

~Ulysses S. Grant

The distant rear of an army engaged in battle is not the best place from which to judge correctly what is going on in front.

~Ulysses S. Grant

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